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The Honorable Henry J. Hyde  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
2138 Rayburn H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Henry:

As you know, the Subcommittee on the Constitution on October 28, 1997 marked up H.J.Res. 78, which proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to restore religious freedom. It was our hope to mark up H.J.Res. 78 in the full Judiciary Committee before the first session of the 105th Congress adjourned, but the press of events made that impossible.

I believe it would be desirable for the full Committee to conduct a markup as soon as possible next year so that the amendment will be available for floor action early in the session. I request that you consider scheduling the markup of H.J.Res. 78 in February before the President's Day recess if the schedule of the Committee permits.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Charles T. Canady  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on the Constitution

cc: The Honorable Ernest Istook